

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-55.

Please add the following claims:

56. (New) An isolated antibody or an antigen binding fragment thereof specific for a caspase-14 polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide comprises a polypeptide sequence having greater than 80% identity with SEQ ID NO:2. ~ 260 AA

57. (New) The antibody of claim 56, wherein said antibody is a polyclonal antibody.

58. (New) The antibody of claim 56, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

59. (New) The antibody of claim 56, wherein said antigen binding fragment comprises an Fv portion of an antibody.

60. (New) An isolated cell expressing the antibody of claim 56.

61. (New) An isolated antibody or an antigen binding fragment thereof specific for a caspase-14 polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide comprises a polypeptide sequence having greater than 80% identity with SEQ ID NO:5. ~ 242 AA

62. (New) The antibody of claim 61, wherein said antibody is a polyclonal antibody.

63. (New) The antibody of claim 61, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.